

Lesson 2

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Learning to Listen

- Bodhisattva (Bồ Tát) : a person who choose to be reborn again to help other beings from sufferings
- Bodhisattva had 500 followers
- Bodhisattva became ill and followers asked what he achieved in life
- Bodhisattva reply “nothing” and passed away shortly without proper funeral
- One night Bodhisattva appear and spoke with wisdom words
- Important to learn to listen from a wise for you to grow to become a better person and help others

The Reward of Honesty

- A Bodhisattva spirit dwell within the holy castor tree
- Poor man went to the castor tree to pray
- Poor man wanted to offer a piece of bread but couldn't since other people gave expensive gifts
- Bodhisattva came and ask for the piece of bread
- Bodhisattva reward him for giving wealth but the poor man instead gave it to the King instead
- Building good karma for being honest
- Good karma is when you help others first before yourself

Conquering Anger

- Bodhisattva born into a highly educated family and in his youth became monk with his wife
- King of the land fell in love with Bodhisattva's wife and kidnap her
- King asked Bodhisattva how will he react if the King put his wife into harm way
- Bodhisattva said he will not be angry and remained calm which shocked the King
- One of the three poisons: Greed(tham), Anger(giận), Ignorance(si mê)
- "You are the first victim of your own anger." –S. N. Goenka

Right and Wrong

- Water snake was hungry and fell into the cage where the fish was
- Fish attack the water snake and fled
- Green frog hop by and saved the fish in which the water snake blame the fish for attacking
- Green frog(Bodhisattva) points out how you enter the fish territory and it has every right to defend
- “There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.”
-(Paraphrase)William Shakespeare from hamlet
- “To understand everything is to forgive everything.” –(Paraphrase)Zen

The Precious Life

- A Bodhisattva deer was admire of its beauty within the forest
- Prince saw the deer and went after it to capture it
- Prince's charioteer was used to chase it but one of the wheel came off and land into the river
- Prince plead for help since he doesn't know how to swim and the deer save the Prince from drowning
- Prince regret by his own greed and vow to never hunt animals

The Magic of Patience

- Bodhisattva reborn as a buffalo and lived with immature monkey
- Immature monkey mess around with the buffalo too much
- Mature buffalo was patient and never complained
- Elephant asked the buffalo why he put up with the monkey's antics
- Buffalo said the monkey taught him the lesson of being patient
- Monkey was ashamed and asked the Buffalo for his forgiveness

True Friendship

- Bodhisattva reborn as a parrot and lived in a fig tree
- Parrot enjoyed eating ripe fruit but later on the tree became old
- Parrot refused to live the fig tree for another one
- Sakka, King of Gods, disguise as a goose and ask Parrot why he remain
- Parrot said that he can't leave a friend who helped me all these years
- Sakka was impressed about the Parrot loyalty and renew the Fig tree

The Foolish Son

- Royal barber son wanted to marry a beautiful girl
- He can't since she is from a royal family and you are not
- Son refused to eat and drink then became heartbroken and died
- Buddha said "Your son has died by setting his heart on something which he could never have."

The Value of Kindness

- Golden deer named Rohanta who was a Bodhisattva
- Kehma ask to search for the Rohanta from her dream
- A hunter laid a trap and Rohanta got caught
- Rohanta warned others to fled except Chittamiga and Sutana
- No amount of persuasion keep away to leave their brother
- Hunter's heart was touched and released Rohanta
- Hunter became a monk